

**CITY OF COSTA MESA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
FAIRVIEW PARK CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

July 2, 2014

These meeting minutes represent an “action minute” format.

The Fairview Park Citizens Advisory Committee (FPCAC) of the City of Costa Mesa, California met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 2, 2014, in the Neighborhood Community Center, Victoria Room at 1845 Park Avenue, Costa Mesa, California.

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Mission Statement**
- 4. Roll Call**

Voting Members Present: Chairman Richard Mehren
Vice Chairman Steve Smith
Member Ron Amburgey
Member Terry Cummings
Member Frank Davern
Member Brett Eckles
Member Dennis Popp
Member Lee Ramos

Voting Members Absent: Member Anna Vrska

Officials Present: Mayor Pro Tem Stephen Mensinger, City Council Liaison
Commissioner Dean Abernathy, Parks and Recreation
Commission Liaison

Staff Present: Ernesto Munoz, Public Services Director
Yolanda M. Summerhill, City Attorney
Bart Mejia, Senior Engineer/Parks Project Manager
Alfa Lopez, Management Analyst
Denneen Chambers, Administrative Secretary

5. Presentations/Update:

- a. **Cindy Black, resident**, presented a slideshow presentation for a Fairview Park Nursery concept. Ms. Black referenced the Talbert Park Restoration Project and suggested that a nursery for native plants in Fairview Park would help with the restoration of the native habitats.
- b. **Connie “Destiny” Colocho, an Archaeologist/Lithic Analyst with Scientific Resource Surveys, Inc. (SRS)**, presented a report on the completion of the Phase 1 Archaeological Survey for the upper mesa of Fairview Park (Planning areas D and F). The scope of their work included records search, a field survey, subsurface excavation and analysis, and coordination with Native American representatives.

6. Public Comment:

1. **Jay Humphrey, resident**, thanked the committee for all the hard work done on Fairview Park. Mr. Humphrey spoke on the proposed City Charter and the potential impact on how public land is leased.
2. **Signor Valentin, Archaeologist**, commented on the proposed pipeline and suggested continued surveying of excavated dirt.
3. **Craig, resident**, commented that the Native Americans who inhabited these lands may have been a part of a regional trade route. He is opposed to the storm drain concept and finds it disruptive.
4. **Harold Weitzberg, resident**, requested to keep the park natural and making the creation of a nursery as part of the recommendations.
5. **Patricia Martz, Professor of Archaeology, Irvine**, suggested that more archeological work needs to be done with the proposed projects.
6. **Lynn Redman**, provided an update on the work performed by his son, Christian, an Eagle Scout, and requested adjustments to the irrigation system to prevent the decline of the new plants.
7. **Kim Hendricks, resident**, commented that there is a lot of shell midden at the park.
8. **Cindy Black, resident**, Ms. Black inquired if an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is going to be done for the pipe. Mr. Mejia responded that the environmental document will be in compliance California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines.

9. **Elaine Govern, resident**, suggested changing the signs at the end of Pacific to prevent people from going down the bluff.

10. **Larry Quarter, resident**, recommended to leave Fairview Park as it is. Mr. Quarter added that Mr. Vandersloot could be a nominee for the naming of the ponds. Chairman Mehren agreed with Mr. Quarter.

11. **Rhonda Gilbert, resident**, is opposed to changing the park and wants to leave it as it is now.

7. **Approval of Minutes:**

a. **Meeting of June 4, 2014**

Member Eckles made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2014 meeting; Member Ramos seconded; motion carried unanimously.

8. **Old Business**

Item 9: Improve/Designate Bike Paths:

Committee Discussion

Chairman Mehren inquired of Mr. Mejia if there is anything to add.

Mr. Mejia stated there is no presentation on this item.

Public Comment

1. **Cindy Black, resident**, stated the bike path needed an improvement, opposed to any other changes.

2. **Kim Hendricks, resident**; referenced pg. 31 of the Fairview Park Master Plan. Ms. Hendricks stated she does not want a lot of traffic or bikes to disturb area.

3. **Resident**, stated some people want a smooth trail.

Chairman Mehren called for a motion; eliminated by lack of a motion.

Item 10: Lawn Bowling/Bocce Ball:

Committee Discussion

Member Amburgey mentioned using the NE quadrant as an area where seniors can go and enjoy the park. Member Amburgey stated the area is 10 acres and far enough from homes to where there will be no noise issues.

Public Comment

1. **Cindy Black, resident**, opposed the Lawn Bowling/ Bocce Ball concept.
2. **Cindy Breneman, resident**, opposed the Lawn Bowling/ Bocce Ball concept.

Chairman Mehren called for a motion; eliminated by lack of a motion.

Item 11: Retain the Elements of the Master Plan as it Reads Now:

Committee Discussion

Chairman Mehren discussed the elements of the Master Plan.

Public Comment

1. **Resident**; favors keeping the Master Plan as it reads now.
2. **Kim Hendricks, resident**, mentioned there is ongoing progress to keeping it passive

Chairman Mehren called for a motion; eliminated by lack of a motion.

Item 12: Dog Park:

Committee Discussion

No discussion.

Public Comment

1. **Resident**; stated Fairview Park is the wrong place for a dog park.
2. **Kim Hendricks, resident**, opposed the dog park concept and referenced page 59 of the Fairview Park Master Plan (FPMP).
3. **Cindy Brennaman, resident**, stated Costa Mesa already has a dog park.
4. **Resident**; stated Costa Mesa already has a dog park.
5. **Resident**; stated Costa Mesa already has a dog park.

Chairman Mehren called for a motion; eliminated by lack of a motion.

Item 13: Skate Park:

Committee Discussion

No discussion.

Public Comment

1. **Resident**, stated Costa Mesa already has a skate park.
2. **Cindy Brennaman, resident**, opposed to a skate park.
3. **Resident**, opposed to the skate park concept.

Chairman Mehren called for a motion; eliminated by lack of a motion.

Item 14: Nature Center-Bird Watching Platforms:

Committee Discussion

No discussion.

Public Comment

1. **Cindy Black, resident**, opposed to the Nature Center-Bird watching platform concept, finds it unnecessary.
2. **Resident**, stated the fewer the structures, the better. Resident is opposed to the Nature Center-Bird watching platform concept.

Chairman Mehren called for a motion; eliminated by lack of a motion.

Item 15: Marked Running Courses:

Committee Discussion

No discussion.

Public Comment

1. **Resident**, stated we do not need any markings. Resident is opposed to the Marked Running Courses concept.

Chairman Mehren called for a motion; eliminated by lack of a motion.

Item 16: Archery Area:

Committee Discussion

No discussion.

Public Comment

1. **Cindy Black, resident**, opposed to the archery area concept.

Chairman Mehren called for a motion; eliminated by lack of a motion.

9. New Business

- a. Evaluation of Proposed Changes-Southeast Quadrant
 - i. Staff Presentation
 1. Step 1: Removal of items specific to Other Quadrants

Mr. Mejia presented a summary of the features in this quadrant and the major elements in the current Fairview Park Master Plan.

Member Cummings made a motion to include additional items to be removed. The new list includes Item Nos.: 1, 5, 6, 8, 10, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 24, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31, 32, 34, and 35. Member Amburgey objects adding 35 to be eliminated. Member Amburgey also objected to adding the Dog and Skate Parks to the list; motion eliminated for lack of a second.

Chairman Mehren made a motion to include Item Nos. 16, 30, and 34 to be added to the list of proposed changes; motion eliminated by lack of a second.

Member Eckles made a motion for all red circled items to be eliminated; Vice Chairman Smith seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Smith made a motion to remove Items Nos.: 16, 30, and 34 from further consideration for the Southeast Quadrant; Member Eckles seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Member Cummings made a motion to eliminate Item No. 29, Dog Park; Vice Chairman Smith seconded.

Committee Discussion

Member Amburgey commented that if Fairview Park had a dog park and skate park, it would become the jewel of the City. Member Amburgey asked the people to look at another point-of-view.

Member Popp asked if there can be a point-of-order.

Attorney Summerhill affirmed that it is ok to *discuss* whether or not to remove the dog park from the list.

Vote on motion to eliminate Item No. 29, Dog Park; motion made by Member Cummings and seconded by Vice Chairman Smith; Members in favor; Davern, Mehren, Smith, and Cummings; Members opposed; Ramos, Popp, Amburgey, and Eckles. Tied vote 4:4, motion failed.

Member Cummings made a motion to eliminate Item No. 31, Skate Park; Vice Chairman Smith seconded; Members in favor; Davern, Ramos, Popp, Mehren, Smith, Eckles, and Cummings; Member opposed; Amburgey. Motion passes 7:1.

Member Ramos made a motion to eliminate Item No. 35, Marked Running Courses; Member Smith seconded; Members in favor; Davern, Ramos, Mehren, Smith, and Cummings; Members opposed; Popp, Amburgey, and Eckles; Motion passes 5:3.

Chairman Mehren mentioned consideration for the proposed changes for the Southeast Quadrant will be for the next upcoming meeting.

10. Committee Member Reports

Member Ramos thanked Ms. Cindy Black.

Chairman Mehren thanked Ms. Cindy Black.

Member Davern thanked Ms. Cindy Black and supports her proposal.

Member Cummings mentioned he had nothing to report.

Member Eckles commented on balancing the desires and wishes for all residents or as many as possible. He mentioned it was a good discussion and suggested keeping everything within reason.

Member Amburgey spoke on the City's need to provide the residents with recreational activities. He stated the City only has 3 locations for recreation, and suggested looking hard at the area and considering it because school fields could eventually go away.

Vice Chairman Smith stated he had nothing to report.

Member Popp commented that existing agreements would remain in effect if the City Charter is approved. He requested that the concept of a community garden be added to the list.

11. Public Services Director Report

Mr. Munoz stated there is a list of items that is included on the City's website such as: agendas, minutes, environmental documents, Canary Drive documents, PowerPoint presentations, etc. Mr. Munoz stated any documents that are not on the website can be

added. He mentioned the reports from today's meeting will be added by next week as well as the presentation by Ms. Colacho.

Mr. Munoz gave an update that funding was requested for the installation of delineation fencing around the archaeological site as recommended by SRS and that City Council approved it with the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 budget. Next is the environmental process per CEQA.

Mr. Munoz announced that the Open Space and Conservation Elements workshop is scheduled for July 16, 2014 at 6:00 p.m., at the Neighborhood Community Center (NCC) and everyone is welcome to attend.

12. City Attorney Report

Attorney Summerhill mentioned she had nothing to report.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53pm.

14. Next Regular Meeting: August 6, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the Neighborhood Community Center (NCC).

Submitted by:

ERNESTO MUNOZ

Public Services Director